

GAVE UP \$3,000,000 FOR THE POOR AND ILL

**Wife of St. Luke's Benefactor
Agreed with Husband as to
Disposal of Fortune.**

WANTED ONLY \$8,400 A YEAR

**Mrs. Smith's Philanthropy Permits
Hospital to Build Sanitarium
for Needy Patients.**

A little while before the death of William Wheeler Smith, the architect, who left a fortune to St. Luke's Hospital recently, Mr. Smith talked with his wife about her future and what had best be done with the three-million-dollar estate he would leave at his death. The result of the conversation has just been made known. In a spirit of philanthropy, Mrs. Smith relinquished her claim to the estate and told her husband she would be content with an income of \$700 a month.

They had no children, and Mr. Smith had no near relatives. The income his widow would have received had she so decreed would have been in excess of \$200,000 a year, as the property owned by Mr. Smith was invested at a good rate of interest. But Mrs. Smith told her husband she did not want such an income and that it could be placed where it would do more good. She knew her husband wished to leave a monument to his memory that would be a constant benefit to humanity, and her own wishes coincided with his.

Long before that last conversation about money matters they had planned to erect a memorial to relieve the suffering of the poor and ill. But ill-health had prevented Mr. Smith from putting those plans into effect.

The result of Mrs. Smith's sacrifice on the day she talked with her husband about the disposition of his fortune came to light yesterday, when George Macculloch Miller, President of St. Luke's Hospital, explained that by leaving the bulk of his fortune to the hospital Mr. Smith had provided the means for a country sanitarium for poor convalescents who must be sent away from St. Luke's before they have fully regained their strength and are not able to go back to their homes and take up the cares of life.

Widow Gets \$8,400 a Year.

By the terms of her husband's will Mrs. Smith receives the dwelling at 17 West Seventy-seventh Street and an income of \$8,400 for life. Practically all of the \$3,000,000 estate goes to St. Luke's; that is, all the income except the widow's portion goes to the hospital during the lifetime of Mrs. Smith, and at her death the property goes absolutely to the trustees of St. Luke's to do with as they see fit. There were a few small bequests to servants and distant relatives, but they do not exceed \$20,000.

Mr. Miller has been informed that Mrs. Smith is quite content with the terms of her husband's will, and that she sanctioned the disposition of his property. To her the hospital trustees give as much credit for the philanthropic gift as to her husband. Her tastes are simple, as were those of her husband, and she says that she will be quite content to spend the remainder of her days knowing that the wishes of her husband are being carried out.

In Mr. Smith's will the stipulation is made that the bulk of his estate be used for the care and relief of needy convalescent patients without regard to their religious belief or nationality.

Mr. Smith in talks with the trustees of St. Luke's before his death had suggested that a sanitarium in the country, not far from New York City, should be built where needy convalescents might be cared for until they were quite well and strong. Mr. Smith left it to the discretion of the hospital trustees to work out his ideas.

Sanitarium for Convalescents.

The trustees are already considering plans for the sanitarium, and yesterday Mr. Miller received an offer of a plot of ground not far from New York, which may be suitable as a site for it. The writer had learned of Mr. Smith's gift and of the hospital's intention to construct a sanitarium, and offered to donate the plot of ground. Mr. Miller said he would not make public the name of the would-be donor until after the next meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 27, when plans for the proposed sanitarium will be discussed.

The most valuable of the properties left by Mr. Smith are the buildings at 3, 5, and 7 Wall Street and 84 Broadway, which were valued by Mr. Smith at \$3,500,000 and on which is a mortgage of \$1,400,000, and 71 Wall Street, valued at \$550,000.

A few years before Mr. Smith's death he decided to bequeath the revenue from the building at 71 Wall Street to the Association for the Relief of Respectable, Aged, and Indigent Females, at Amsterdam Avenue and 104th Street, and he made such provision in his will, (which was revoked by a later codicil.)

Mr. Smith's property is under the trusteeship of the United States Trust Company and Judson B. Wilds, who was Mr. Smith's attorney for years.

Mr. Smith, who was 70 years old at his death, made his own fortune. He started as apprentice in an architect's office and worked his way to the front rank of New York architects.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Sloane Maternity Hospital, and the Collegiate Dutch Church are among the testimonials to his skill as an architect.

JUSTICE TO ATTORNEY CLARKE

**His Investigator, Not He, Erred in the
Twin's Damage Suit.**

In THE TIMES's report yesterday of the hearing of the damage suit brought by John Fensel against the White Sewing Machine Company for injuries sustained in being run down by an automobile owned by the company, the impression was erroneously given that Marshall B. Clarke, attorney for the company, mistook a twin brother of the injured plaintiff for the plaintiff himself.

As a matter of fact Mr. Clarke was fully aware of the identity of the witness, (the plaintiff,) and his cross-examination was conducted with this in mind. THE TIMES's mistake arose through Mr. Clarke being at first unaware of the existence of a twin brother, and proceeding on a report made to him by an investigator, putting questions by which he hoped to prove that the injured boy had recently been seen romping in the streets. It then came out that the plaintiff had a twin brother who looked and dressed like him.

The twin brother admitted later having been in certain places, playing with boys, as vouched for by the investigator.